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Ecclesiasticus 34:1,2^(1611 KJV)

“Winds & Shadows”



¹ The hopes of a man void of understanding are vain, and false: and dreams lift up fools.

² Who so regardeth dreams, is like him that catcheth at a shadow, and followeth after the wind.

This passage addresses the uselessness of hopes, desires, dreams, wishes, and aspirations in those who have no understanding.

Have you ever seen an animal, for example, chase its own shadow? That creature can be as focused, hopeful, and as determined as is possible, but of course the effort is futile because the beast lacks the fundamental understanding that shadows cannot be caught.

Similarly, there are people who love to follow the blowing winds, the often

deceptiveness, of dreams. Such dreams lift them up. They make those people feel great. They give them a sense of a “positive self esteem”, but as this passage warns, “dreams lift up fools”.

These scriptural verses further exhort that when those who have no understanding **regard** dreams, they are uselessly expending energy.

Those who are without understanding but who **put so much faith, trust, and hope in** dreams are as if they are trying to follow winds and are attempting to grab shadows.

Believers are neither to be void of understanding, nor to put faith in dreams. Our faith should be in the Most High.

